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Dear Examiner Swartz:

Per our conversation of today, attached is a courtesy copy of the amendment.

Regards,

Tom

Thomas J. Kowalski

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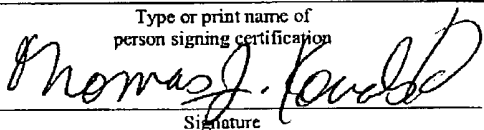
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SECOND AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is further to the April 7, 2004 telephonic interview, for which Examiner Swartz is thanked for the courtesies extended therein, and is in response to the Advisory Action mailed March 18, 2004 and is in further response to the Office Action mailed October 15, 2003 setting a three-month period for reply. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a), it is respectfully requested that the period for reply be extended three months, i.e., up to and including April 15, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee therefore, along with any other required fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account 50-0320.